PC-HELPER

PCI Bus Expansion Chassis
Short x 4Slots

ECH-PCI-CE-H4A

Short x 7Slots

ECH-PCI-CE-H7A

Short x 13Slots

ECH-PCI-CE-H13A

User's Manual

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The product consists of the items listed below.

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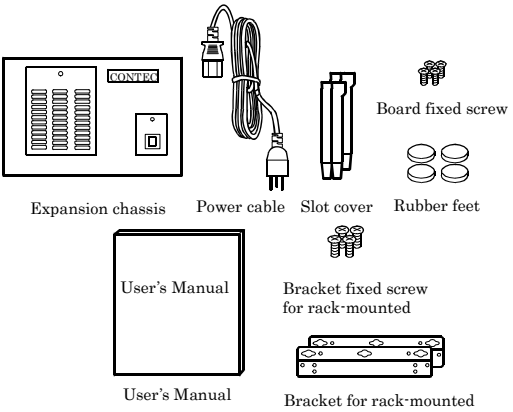
Product Configuration List

- Expansion chassis(One of the following) …1
  [ECH-PCI-CE-H4A, ECH-PCI-CE-H7A, ECH-PCI-CE-H13A]
- Power cable …1
- Slot cover(One of the following)
  ECH-PCI-CE-H4A …4,
  ECH-PCI-CE-H7A …7,
  ECH-PCI-CE-H13A …13
- Board fixed screw(One of the following)
  ECH-PCI-CE-H4A …4,
  ECH-PCI-CE-H7A …7,
  ECH-PCI-CE-H13A …13
- Rubber feet …4
- This User's Manual …1
- Bracket fixed screw for rack-mounted …4
- Bracket for rack-mounted …2



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1. Before Using the Product

This chapter provides information you should know before using these products.

About the Chassis

These products are an expansion chassis that adds PCI bus slots of PC.

Connecting an optional expansion adaptor (EAD-CE-LPE, EAD-CE-EC) can add PCI bus slots to the PC. Mountable board is short-type PCI bus board (176.5(L) x 107(H) mm). You can link the ON/OFF control of the chassis to that of your PC.

Features

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ECH-PCI-CE-H7A : PCI bus slots (x 7) can be added.
ECH-PCI-CE-H13A : PCI bus slots (x 13) can be added.
This expansion chassis is connected to a PC using an optional expansion adapter.

- Short-type PCI bus boards can be connected.

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- ON/OFF control of the chassis can be linked to that of your PC.

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- Steel chassis with cooling fan

Steel chassis with cooling fan suitable for use in fields

- Rack-mountable

Rack-mountable with supplied brackets

Expansion adapter (Option)

Expansion Adapter for Express Card Slot	:	EAD-CE-EC
Expansion Adapter for PCI Express Slot	:	EAD-CE-LPE

Check the CONTEC's Web site for more information on these expansion adapters.

Combinations of Expansion Adapters and Expansion Chassis

The expansion adapters and expansion chassis can be used in the following combinations:

Expansion adapter	Expansion chassis ECH-PCI-CE						
	-H2B	-F2B	-H4B	-F4B	-H4A	-H7A	-H13A
EAD-CE-EC	O	O	O	O	O	x	x
EAD-CE-LPE	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

Expansion chassis

ECH-PCI-CE-H2B

ECH-PCI-CE-F2B

ECH-PCI-CE-H4B

ECH-PCI-CE-F4B

ECH-PCI-CE-H4A

ECH-PCI-CE-H7A

ECH-PCI-CE-H13A

Expansion adapter

EAD-CE-EC

EAD-CE-LPE

Restrictions

These products are used in a combination with the optional expansion adapter. The following restrictions apply to the situation when the expansion adapter is connected to the expansion chassis.

These products have restrictions on the types of PCs and boards that can be used.
Be sure to check the following restrictions before use.

< Restrictions of PC >

These products use the PCI-to-PCI Bridge to extend the bus.
The PCI boards plugged in PCI slots in these products are recognized if the PCI-to-PCI bridge is recognized by the BIOS in the PC used. Ask the PC vendor for whether the BIOS recognizes the PCI-to-PCI bridge.

< Restrictions on transfer rate >

When the expansion chassis accommodates a board that performs high-speed transfer such as bus mastering, the overall transfer rate may be lower than that of PCI bus slots in the main unit of a desktop PC.

This is caused by bus extension by the PCI-to-PCI Bridge.

The transfer rate may vary with the system configuration and the type of the PC.

< Restrictions of PCI board >

None of the following boards can be plugged into any expansion slot in these products.

- Video display board (VGA board)
- Board to connect a PCI bus expansion chassis
- Board explicitly stated not to be used with the PCI-to-PCI Bridge
- Some boards, even PCI bus-compliant ones, may not work depending on their specifications

Customer Support

CONTEC provides the following support services for you to use CONTEC products more efficiently and comfortably.

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How to Obtain Service

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* No product will be accepted by CONTEC group without the RMA number.

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The obligation of the warrantor is solely to repair or replace the product. In no event will the warrantor be liable for any incidental or consequential damages due to such defect or consequences that arise from Safety Precautions.
Understand the following definitions and precautions to use the product safely.

Safety Precautions

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Safety Information

This document provides safety information using the following symbols to prevent accidents resulting in injury or death and the destruction of equipment and resources. Understand the meanings of these labels to operate the equipment safely.

⚠ DANGER	DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING	WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage.

Handling Precautions

⚠ DANGER

Do not use the product where it is exposed to flammable or corrosive gas. Doing so may result in an explosion, fire, electric shock, or failure.

⚠ CAUTION

- Do not plug or unplug any board into or from an expansion slot with the PC or these products powered.
  Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, or fault.
  Be sure to turn off the PC or these products and unplug their power cables before plugging or unplugging any expansion board.
- Do not plug or unplug the cable interconnecting the PC and the expansion chassis with the PC or these products powered.
- Do not turn on or off the power switch of these products with the PC powered. Doing so may result in a malfunction.
- The total current consumption by the boards installed in the expansion slots in these products must not exceed the maximum power capacity of its power supply.
  Failure to supply ample power to expansion boards could result in a malfunction, overheating, or fault.
- The external supply voltage or drive current must not exceed the rating.
- Do not connect any signal other than specified to the on-board connector.
  Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- If a specific expansion slot is recommended for a board, plug the board into that slot. Failure to do so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- When plugging or unplugging the power cable, be sure to hold it by the plug itself.

- Since the I/O expansion chassis is a precision device, do not store or use it where it is subject to shock or vibration. Also avoid any place where the chassis is exposed to direct sunlight, extremely high humidity, or much dust.
- Do not use or store the chassis where it is exposed to any chemical either directly or as vapor in the air.
- The chassis has ventilating slits to prevent it from overheating. Avoid using the chassis with the ventilating slits blocked or in an ill-ventilated place.
- Do not use the chassis near equipment generating a strong magnetic field or noise.
  Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage in the chassis, your PC, or both.
- It is very dangerous to use the chassis with water, liquid, or metal (conductive) chips left inside.
  Be careful not to let such foreign matters in the chassis.
- The specifications of these products are subject to change without notice for enhancement or quality improvement.
  Even when using these products continuously, be sure to read the manual and understand the contents.
- Do not modify these products.
  CONTEC will bear no responsibility for any problems, etc., resulting from modifying these products.
- Regardless of the foregoing statements, CONTEC is not liable for any damages whatsoever (including damages for loss of business profits) arising out of the use of or inability to use this CONTEC product or the information contained herein.

FCC WARNING

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Environment

Use this product in the following environment. If used in an unauthorized environment, the chassis may overheat, malfunction, or cause a failure.

Operating temperature

0 - 50°C

Humidity

20 - 80%RH (No condensation)

Corrosive gases

None

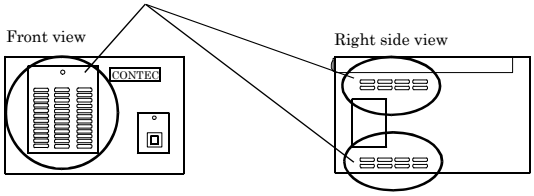
Floating dust particles

Not to be excessive

Inspection

Inspect the product periodically as follows to use it safely.

- Ventilating slits must neither be blocked nor have dust or foreign matters adhering.



The illustration above is of the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A but the check points are the same as with the ECH-PCI-CE-H7A/H13A.

Storage

When storing this product, keep it in its original packing form.

(1) Wrap it in the packing material, then put it in the box.

(2) Store the package at room temperature at a place free from direct sunlight, moisture, shock, vibration, magnetism, and static electricity.

Disposal

When disposing of the product, follow the disposal procedures stipulated under the relevant laws and municipal ordinances.

2. Setup

This chapter explains how to set up the chassis.

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion adapter EAD-CE-EC, EAD-CE-LPE as required.

What is Setup?

Setup means a series of steps to take before the product can be used.

Taking the following steps in this chapter sets up the ECH(PCI)BE-H4A/H7A/F7A/H13A/F13A.

Step 1 Preparation

Step 2 Installing the Expansion Board

Step 3 Connecting the Connection Cable

Step 4 Installing the expansion adapter board

Step 5 Setup and Check

If setup fails to be performed correctly, refer to "Setup Troubleshooting".

Step 1 Preparation

Configuration image

The photo is of the EAD-CE-LPE, ECH-PCI-CE-H4A.

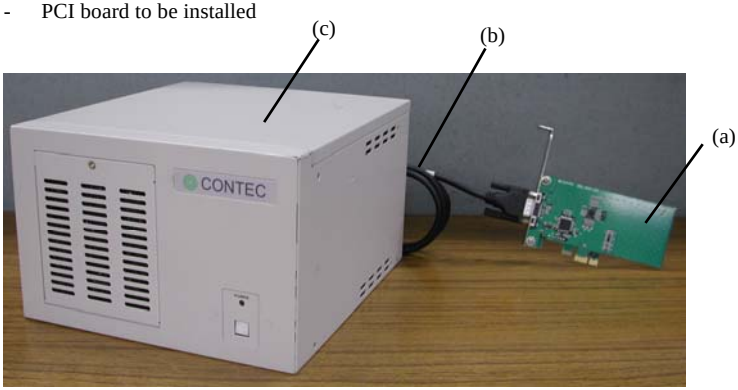
Figure 2.1. Configuration image

Items to be prepared

- PC
- Expansion adapter [EAD-CE-LPE,EAD-CE-EC]

  Expansion adapter board [One of BUS-AD1C-LPE, BUS-PC-EC] …(a),
  Connection Cable[CB-CE1] …(b)
- Expansion chassis

  Chassis [ECH-PCI-CE-H4A/H7A/H13A] …(c), Power cable
- PCI board to be installed



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Names of major parts

ECH-PCI-CE-H4A

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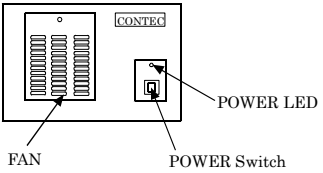

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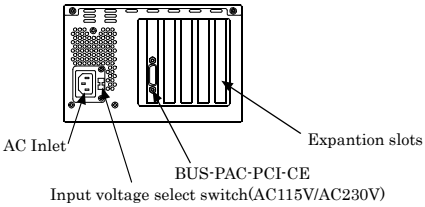
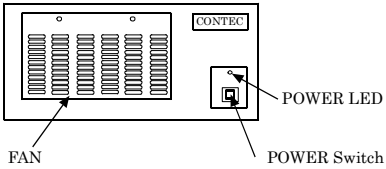


Figure 2.2. Names of major parts < ECH-PCI-CE-H4A >

ECH-PCI-CE-H7A

Front view



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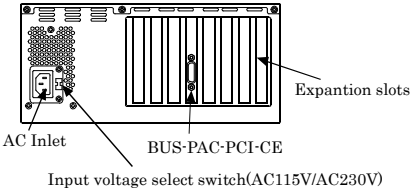

Figure 2.3. Names of major parts < ECH-PCI-CE-H7A >

ECH-PCI-CE-H13A

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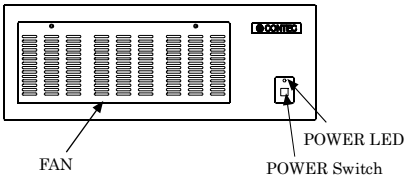

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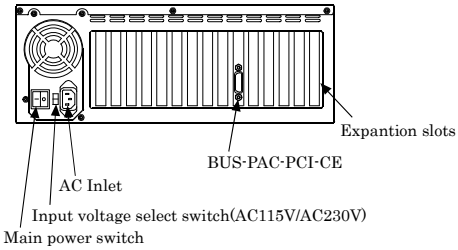


Figure 2.4. Names of major parts < ECH-PCI-CE-H13A >

Step 2 Installing the Expansion Board

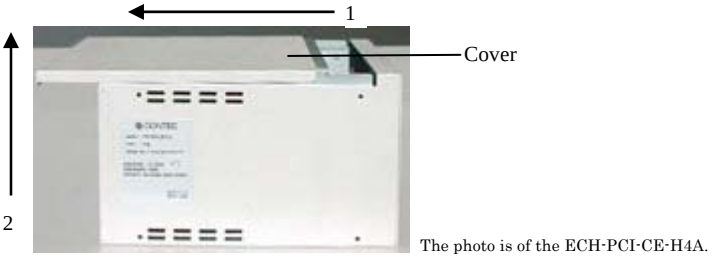
⚠ CAUTION

Before installing an expansion board on these products, be sure to turn off your PC or these products and unplug the power cables from wall outlets.

Follow the procedure below to install the expansion board on these products.

(1) Unplug the power cable and connection cable from these products.

(2) Remove screw (H4A : two, H7A/13A : three) from the top of the rear panel, then remove the chassis cover by sliding it to the rear side (in the order of arrows 1 and 2).



The photo is of the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A.

Figure 2.5. Installing the Expansion Board

(3) Plug the expansion board into a PCI Express bus slot and fasten the bracket with the attached screw. Apply slot covers to unused slots and fasten them with screws.

(4) Put the chassis cover back in place and fasten it with the removed screws.

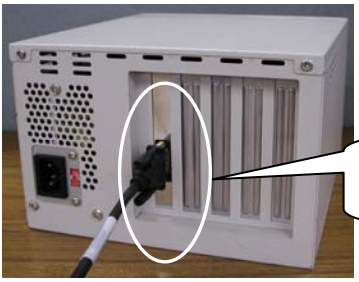
Step 3 Connecting the Connection Cable

Connecting the connection cable to the expansion adapter

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion adapter EAD-CE-EC and EAD-CE-LPE to connect its connection cable to the expansion adapter.

Connecting the connection cable to the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A/H7A/H13A

Connect the connection cable [CB-CE1] to the interface connector of the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A/H7A/H13A.
See "Names of Major Parts" in this chapter to confirm the location of the interface connector.



The photo is of the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A.

Figure 2.6. Connecting the PC to the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A

⚠ CAUTION

Do not plug the connection cable into any other connector as doing so can cause a fault.

Plugging the Power Cable

(1) Plug the power cable into the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A/H7A/H13A.

The photo is of the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A.

Figure 2.7. Plugging the power cable into the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A

(2) Plug the power cable into a wall outlet.

Step 4 Installing the expansion adapter board

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion adapter (EAD-CE-EC and EAD-CE-LPE) to install the expansion bus adapter on the PC.

Step 5 Setup and Check

Starting the system

The ECH-PCI-CE-H4A/H7A/H13A is turned on and off in sync with the PC's power supply. When the PC detects the expansion adapter, these products are turned on.

Turning on the system

(1) Plug the power plug of these products into a wall outlet.
You do not need to press the POWER switch on the front panel (*1).

(2) The power supply of a PC is turned ON.

(3) As soon as the expansion adapter is recognized by the PC, these products are turned on automatically.

(4) Make sure that the POWER LED on these products are on.

Turning off the system

(1) The power supply of a PC is turned OFF.

(2) These products are turned off in synchronization with the PC's power supply.

(*1) Pressing the POWER switch on the front panel of the ECH-PCI-CE-H4A/H7A/H13A turns on these products or puts it to sleep. Use the switch, for example, to turn on only the ECH(PCI)BE-H4A/H7A/F7A/H13A/F13A.

⚠ CAUTION

Do not turn on or off these products with the PC main unit powered.
Doing so cancels the detection of the bus adapter. When turning these products on back, restart the PC main unit.

Setting up the hardware in Windows

At startup of Windows, the PCI-to-PCI Bridge used by these products are detected in sequence and identified automatically by the Windows standard driver.

After that, the PCI boards installed on these products are detected in sequence.

For setting up and checking the boards used on the expansion chassis, refer to their respective manuals.

Checking the hardware in Windows

You can use Device Manager to check whether these products have been identified in Windows. Device Manager shows “PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge” and “Intel 21152 PCI to PCI bridge” under “System devices”.

You can check these products currently being used by the number of entries of “PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge” and “Intel 21152 PCI to PCI bridge”.

One entry : ECH-PCI-CE-H4A
Two entries : ECH-PCI-CE-H7A
Four entries : ECH-PCI-CE-H13A

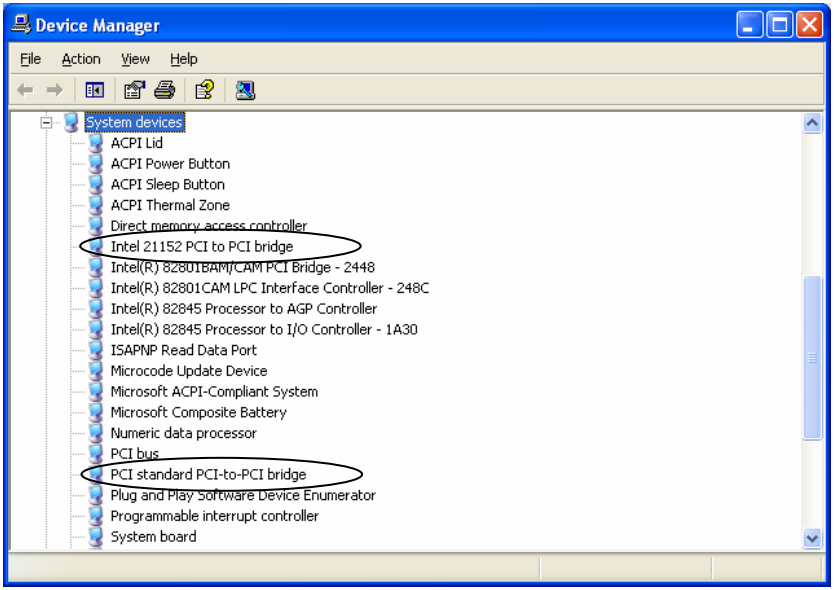


Figure 2.8. Sample screen shot of Device Manager (ECH-PCI-CE-H7A)

⚠ CAUTION

The expansion chassis does not depend on the OS in use.

Attaching Rack Mount Brackets

These products can be rack mounted using the attached brackets. The brackets can be used in two ways as illustrated below. Rack-mount these products using the brackets by the appropriate method suitable for the operating environment.

< Horizontally placed >

< Vertically placed >

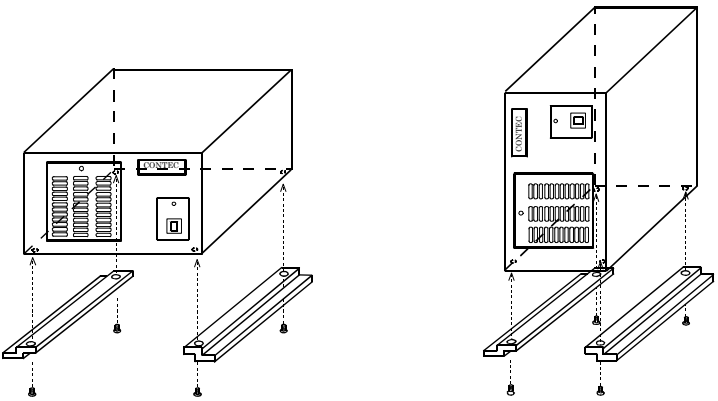


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Figure 2.9. Attaching the Rack Mount Brackets

Setup Troubleshooting

Please confirm followings when these products do not work.

Symptoms and Actions

The chassis won't be turned on.

a. Make sure that the power cable has been connected correctly.

b. Make sure that the power supplies of the PC and these products are on.

c. Make sure that you have followed the procedure in Chapter 2.

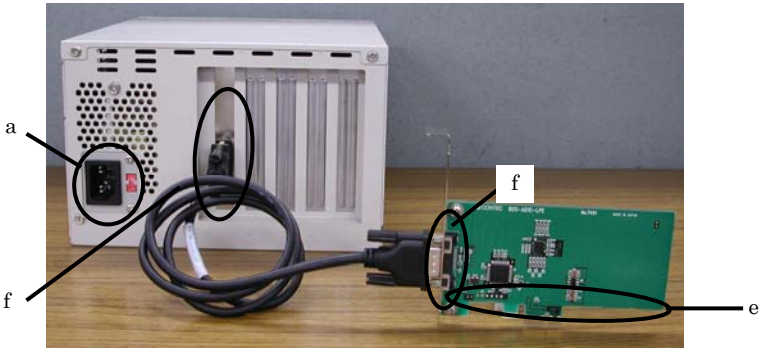
d. Even though the chassis is still not turned on, check whether it is turned on with no board installed. If the chassis is turned on with no board installed, check the total current consumption by the installed boards. The total current consumption must not exceed the power capacity of these products.

No PCI board on these products are detected.

e. Make sure that the expansion adapter board has been installed correctly.

f. Make sure that the connection cable has been installed correctly. When connecting the connection cable to the main chassis, insert the connector until it clicks into place.

g. Make sure that the POWER LED on these products are turned on.



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If your problem cannot be resolved

Contact your retailer.

3. About Hardware

Hardware specification

Table 3.1. Specification

Item	ECH-PCI-CE-H4A	ECH-PCI-CE-H7A	ECH-PCI-CE-H13A
Compatible bus	PCI Local Bus Specification Rev2.3 (+5V type)		
Address space	32-bit memory address, I/O address		
Interrupt level	INTA - INTD		
Bus operating clock	33MHz (Max.)		
Number of user-available slots	4 slots (short size)	7 slots (short size)	13 slots (short size)
Acceptable board sizes (mm)	176.5(L) x 107(H)	176.5(L) x 107(H)	176.5(L) x 107(H)
Power supply			
Expansion slot supplied power (The output current must not exceed the value on the right.)	+5VDC 11.3A (Max.) +3.3VDC 6A (Max.) +12VDC 3A (Max.) -12VDC 0.7A (Max.)		+5VDC 18A (Max.) *2 +3.3VDC 15A (Max.) *2 +12VDC 9A (Max.) -12VDC 0.8A (Max.)
Maximum total power capacity	130W *3		0 - 30 °C : 230W 30 - 40 °C : 205W 40 - 50 °C : 175W *4
AC input line voltage *1	115/230VAC (selecting switch)		
AC line frequency	50 - 60Hz		
AC power input current	3A(115VAC)/1.5A(230VAC)		6A(115VAC)/4A(230VAC)
Physical dimensions (mm)	210.0(W) x 138.0(H) x 235.0(L) (No fittings)	300.0(W) x 138.0(H) x 255.0(L) (No fittings)	424.0(W) x 156.0(H) x 255.0(L) (No fittings)
Weight	3.5 kg	5.0 kg	7.5 kg
AC cable	2.5m 3P		

*1 : AC input line voltage range : 90 - 132VAC/180 - 250VAC

*2 : The sum of +5VDC and +3.3VDC must not exceed 90W.

*3 : Condition with CE marking: 130W at 40ºC.

*4 : Condition with CE marking: 175W at 50ºC.

Physical dimensions of acceptable board (Max.)

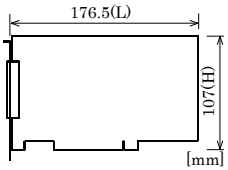

Table 3.2. Environmental specification

Item	Specification
Operating temperature	0 - 50ºC
Operating humidity	20 - 80%RH (No condensation)
Storage temperature	0 - 60ºC
Storage humidity	10 - 90%RH (No condensation)
Floating dust particles	Not to be excessive
Corrosive gases	None

⚠ CAUTION

The power supply and cooling fan in these products are consumables, requiring replacement after use for a certain period of time. Although each of the parts should be replaced after use for the following period of time in principle, the life may be shortened depending on the operating environment. Keep in mind that the lives of the parts may be extremely shortened if they are used where it is either exposed to must dirt, metal chips or particles, or dust or affected by oil or corrosive gas.

- Power supply : About 5 years (in an office environment kept at a temperature of 25°C and a humidity of 60%)
- Fan : About 5 years (in an office environment kept at a temperature of 25°C and a humidity of 60%)
- Fan Filter : About 1 year (in an office environment kept at a temperature of 25°C and a humidity of 60%)

Physical Dimensions

⚠ CAUTION

- When using this chassis, keep it at least 20mm away from any object such as the wall for cooling purposes.
- Attaching rubber feet to the chassis makes it 3.6mm taller.

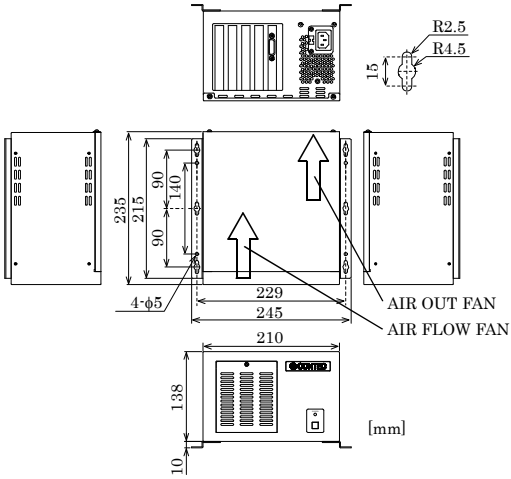

Figure 3.1. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PCI-CE-H4A, Horizontally placed >

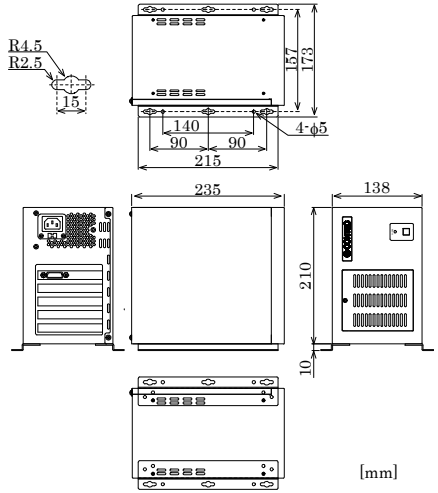

Figure 3.2. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PCI-CE-H4A, Vertically placed >

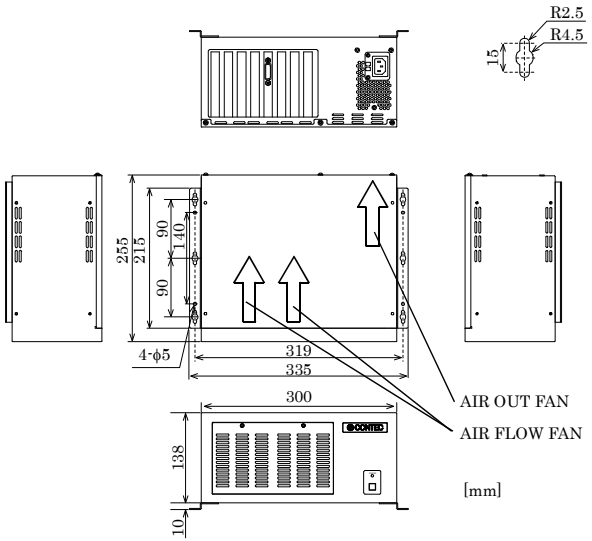

Figure 3.3. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PCI-CE-H7A, Horizontally placed >

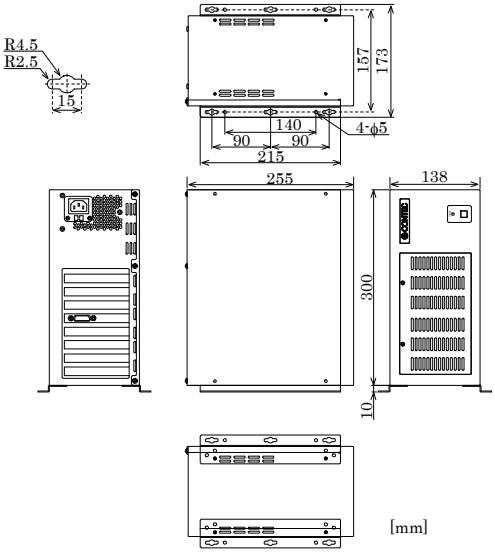

Figure 3.4. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PCI-CE-H7A, Vertically placed >

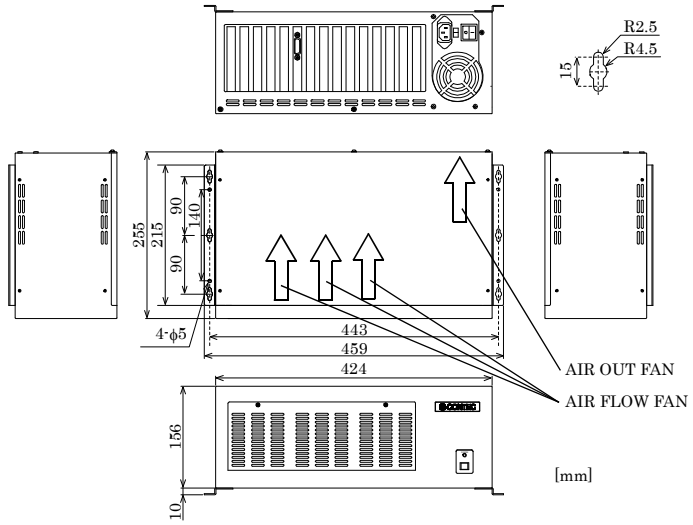

Figure 3.5. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PCI-CE-H13A, Horizontally placed >

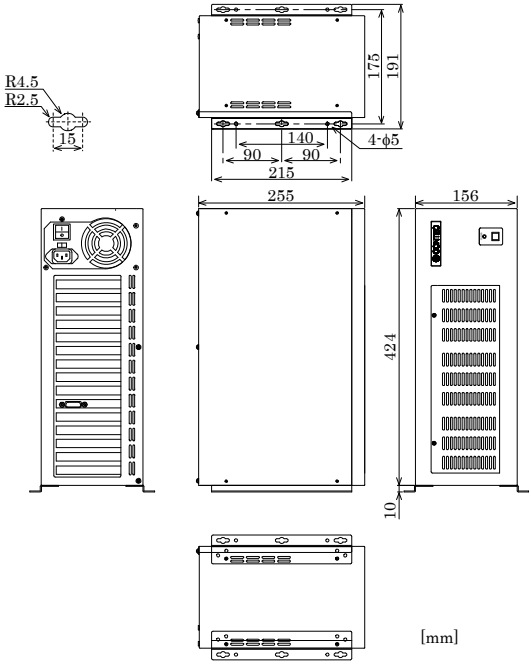

Figure 3.6. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PCI-CE-H13A, Vertically placed >

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